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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES-SPANISH
COUNCIL UNDER THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

REF: MADRID 7621, SECTO 08003

1. DURING MY PRESENTATION OF COPIES OF MY CREDENTIALS TO FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA ON JULY 17, OREJA WAS MORE SPECIFIC ON THE CONSTRAINTS ON HIM WITH REGARD TO THE DATE FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THAN THE MFA WAS PREVIOUSLY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO BE IN MADRID FOR THE FIRST UCD PARTY CONGRESS FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 23 AND FOR THE STATE VISIT OF KING BAUDOUIN OF BELGIUM IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK ABOUT SEPTEMBER 29 OR 30 AND TO SPEAK AT THE UN ON OCTOBER 2. HE WOULD BE THE FIFTH SPEAKER THAT DAY AND THEREFORE COULD NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE EXACTLY WHAT TIME HIS SPEECH WOULD BE. HE THEN WAS COMMITTED TO BE IN MEXICO CITY FOR A MEETING ON OCTOBER 4. THIS LEFT OCTOBER 3 AS THE ONLY CERTAIN DAY IN THIS PERIOD FOR HIM TO BE AVAILABLE FOR A COUNCIL MEETING.

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2. WE WOULD NOTE THAT WE WILL BE HOLDING ONLY ONE COUNCIL MEETING THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF THE TWO ANNUALLY ENVISAGED UNDER THE TREATY, AND THAT, IF HELD IN NEW YORK, IT WILL BE THE SECOND ONE IN SUCCESSION HELD THERE, WHEREAS THE ASSUMPTION AMONG A NUMBER OF SPANISH ASSOCIATED WITH THE TREATY NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN THAT MADRID, AS THE SITE OF THE COUNCIL, WOULD

ALSO BE THE VENUE FOR MOST OF THE SESSIONS, AND, AT THE
WOULD SEEM LOGICAL TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS IS FEASIBLE.
UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE URGE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
BE DONE TO ACCOMMODATE OREJA'S DATE OF OCTOBER 3 IN NEW
YORK.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
REGARDING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF OCTOBER 3 AS THE COUNCIL
MEETING DATE. TODMAN

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